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TAGS: ASEC, CSCE, UR, NL

SUBJECT: LEAK OF EMBASSY CABLE

REF: A. THE HAUGE 3733 B. THE HAGUE 3408

1. THE "CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM" PUBLISHED IN JULY 26 ISSUE OF
THE DUTCH MAGAZINE ELSEVEIERS IS CLEARLY A SUMMARY, WITH IMPORTANT
DISTORTIONS, OF MOSCOW 5822 OF APRIL 25. THE CABLE WAS
CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL.

2. THE HAGUE WAS NOT AN ADDRESSEE, THOUGH SEVERAL OTHER POSTS
IN WESTERN EUROPE WERE AND WE BELIEVE IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY MADE
AVAILABLE TO NATO. THE FACT THAT THE CABLE WAS WRITTEN IN APRIL,
WHEN MANY IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF CSCE WERE STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION,
IS NOT REFLECTED IN THE ELSEVIER'S VERSION. LATTER VERSION INSTEAD
PRESENTS THE CABLE AS BEING A FINAL ASSESSMENT ON EVE OF THE
HELSINKI SUMMIT, AND THIS IS ONE OF THE MAIN SOURCES OF
DISTORTION. ALSO, THE ORIGINAL CABLE DID DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE
ADVANTAGES OF DELAYING COMPLETION OF CSCE IN ORDER TO BRING
PRESSURE ON THE SOVIETS ON PORTUGAL, BUT DREW CONCLUSION THAT
SHORT OF A DRASIC DETERIORATION OF THE SITUATION IN LISBON SUCH
AN APPROACH WOULD PROBABLY BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. IT DID NOT, AS
SUGGESTED BY PUBLISHED VERSION AS REFLECTED IN PARA 3 REFTEL,
SUGGEST THAT SUCH A COURSE OF ACTION BE UNDERTAKEN.

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3. I REGRET THAT FOR THE SECOND TIME IN ONE WEEK I MUST EXPRESS
MY DISTRESS AT SEEING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION EITHER OBTAINED IN
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